

House Resolution No. 132

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives proudly recognize Richard Reynolds, an esteemed resident of Clarkton, Missouri, who is to be commended for his efforts in securing a new library in Dunklin County; and

Whereas, a native of Gideon, Missouri, Richard Reynolds dutifully served his country in the United States Air Force where he was a member of air crews that flew reconnaissance flights over foreign territories, during which time he managed to receive his undergraduate degree while serving in Germany; and

Whereas, following his retirement from military service in 1974, Richard Reynolds was awarded his master's and specialist degrees from Southeast Missouri State University and taught Russian for several years with the Holcomb Public School system before accepting the position of principal with the Clarkton School District, from which he retired as Superintendent of Schools after twelve years; and

Whereas, in November of 1995, Richard Reynolds accepted the position of interim Director of the Dunklin County Library, which is comprised of six libraries located in six different towns throughout Dunklin County; and

Whereas, Richard Reynolds accepted the duties of Director of the Dunklin County Library in 1996, since which time he has established a new set of personnel policies, helped to secure more than \$100,000 in grants for state-of-the-art computer support and other innovative programs, and worked to upgrade library facilities; and

Whereas, after the Bank of America building in Kennett became available, Richard Reynolds guided the Library's Board of Trustees through negotiations needed to acquire a loan that also provided for remodeling of the building which would house the new facility; and

Whereas, the new 22,000 square-foot library - which contains beautiful handcrafted cabinets and tables, carpet, an elevator, and sound system - celebrated its new home during a festive Open House on December 1, 2001, which was attended by more than 400 Dunklin County residents:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Richard Reynolds for his impressive contributions to the Dunklin County Library and the citizenry of Dunklin County, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Richard Reynolds.

Offered by _____

Representative Denny Merideth
District No. 162

Representative Phillip M. Britt
District No. 163

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 132, adopted January 28, 2001.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

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